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TITLE: DECORATIVE MATERIAL

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Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment accompanying a new patent application being filed simultaneously herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the claims with the attached amended claims.

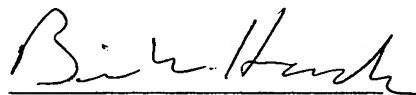
REMARKS

The claims have been amended to remove the characterizing language and multiple dependencies. No new matter has been added.

Respectfully submitted,

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